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IMPLEMENTATION

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FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN POINTS MADE AT THE
SUBJECT MEETING. PRINCIPAL ATTENDEES WERE MR. CONLEY,
PANCANAL; COLONEL WALLER, SOUTHCOM; MR. GLEASON, EMBASSY.

1. REGARDING THE EXTENSIVE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION WHICH
THE GOP HAS DEVELOPED FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION AND
WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN GREAT DETAIL IN THE LOCAL
PRESS (SEE PANAMA 06163):

A. SOUTHCOM REP EXPECTING TO MEET WITH GOP'S FABREGA
EARLY IN WEEK OF AUGUST 28 FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE
LINKAGES AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOP MILITARY
AND SOUTHCOM INTENDED BY THE GOP IN THE FUNCTIONING OF
THIS NEW TREATY IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION.

B. EMBASSY LIKewise EXPECTING TO MEET RIGHT AWAY
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WITH GOP REPS FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE FULL RANGE OF
TREATY IMPLEMENTATION RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE US AND
PANAMA WHICH THE NEW GOP ORGANIZATION BRINGS INTO
QUESTION.

C. THE CANAL ZONE LT. GOVERNOR HAS PROPOSED A
MEETING AUGUST 30 BETWEEN THE ANNOUNCED HEADS OF THE

VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE NEW GOP ORGANIZATION AND THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MEETING AND ESTABLISHING AN INITIAL RAPPORT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

D. PANCANAL REPORTED THAT SEVERAL OF THE MULTITUDE OF "ADVISORS" TO THE GOP SUB-COMMITTEES LISTED IN THE PRESS ARE PANAMANIAN CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF PANCANAL. PANCANAL HAS DECIDED INITIALLY TO PERMIT SUCH "ADVISORY" ROLES BY THEIR EMPLOYEES, BUT TO NOT PERMIT ANY PANAMANIAN EMPLOYEE TO SERVE IN AN OPERATING CAPACITY ON A GOP SUB-COMMITTEE (WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS NOT BEEN LISTED). ALSO, IN THE CASE OF "ADVISORS", ANY TIME SUCH PANCANAL EMPLOYEES SPEND AWAY FROM THEIR JOBS IN THESE "ADVISORY" ROLES WILL BE TREATED AS LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

2. REGARDING THE COROZAL CEMETERY, THE ARMY IS APPARENTLY VERY RELUCTANT TO TAKE ON THE OPERATION OF THIS CEMETERY, BUT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE PRESSURED INTO AN EARLY ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. ALTHOUGH PANCANAL WILL DO THE PRE-IMPLEMENTATION MT. HOPE (TO COROZAL) DISINTERMENT AND THE COROZAL DISINTERMENTS (FAMILY OPTIONS) FOR THE FIRST THIRTY MONTHS OF THE TREATY, IT SEES NO ROLE FOR THE COMMISSION THEREAFTER IN THIS REGARD SINCE THE COMMISSION WILL NO LONGER PERFORM NOR BE ABLE TO PERFORM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY HEALTH SERVICES AFTER THAT DATE. THUS, PANCANAL SEES NO NEED FOR IT TO BE A PARTY TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BATTLE MONUMENTS ORGANIZATION.

3. PANCANAL NOTED THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT THE SPECIAL CANAL ZONE CUSTOMS AREA SIGN IN THE NEW TOCUMEN AIRPORT HAD BEEN ELIMINATED (THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE FUNCTION ITSELF) ON THE DIRECT ORDER OF GENERAL TORRIJOS. PANCANAL INTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY SEND THEIR CUSTOMS MAN OUT FOR A "ROUTINE" LOOK AT THEIR FACILITIES IN THE NEW AIRPORT IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED SEPTEMBER 6 OPENING, AND IF A PROBLEM OF NON-SEPARATION OF CANAL ZONE CUSTOMS FACILITIES (PROCEDURES ARE MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR CUSTOMS, BY TREATY) IS CONFIRMED, THE MATTER WILL BE QUICKLY TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION.

4. THE STATUS OF OTHER PRE-IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY, SUCH AS THE GAO INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE PRE-TREATY OUTLAYS AND SOUTHCOM'S PROGRESS ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE TREASURY CUSTODY ACCOUNT

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